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ServeNebraska Announces AmeriCorps Grants to Lutheran Family Services and College Possible

(Lincoln, Neb.)—ServeNebraska is pleased to announce that Lutheran Family Services (LFS) of Nebraska and College Possible Omaha will receive AmeriCorps grants from the federal Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Lutheran Family Services will receive \$340,686 while College Possible will receive \$228,000. The grants will support 39 AmeriCorps members for LFS and 20 AmeriCorps members for College Possible Omaha.

College Possible Omaha AmeriCorps members will assist low-income high school students with ACT preparedness, completion of college applications and resource support to succeed in college. AmeriCorps members through the Nebraska Economic Opportunity Corps at LFS will assist disadvantaged youth, low-income families, new Americans, and veterans to increase their job skills and secure employment.

ServeNebraska, the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission, will coordinate the development and implementation of AmeriCorps programming with these organizations, which were selected in a national process that was highly competitive due to the strong and growing demand by organizations seeking AmeriCorps resources. Demand is also strong from individuals wanting to serve.

“National service is an essential part of the solution to many of the social challenges facing our communities,” said Jamie Moore, ServeNebraska Chair. “These AmeriCorps members will meet pressing local needs and strengthen Nebraska communities as they develop civic and leadership skills that can last a lifetime.”

Later this summer, ServeNebraska will announce more than \$1 million in additional AmeriCorps grants.

“AmeriCorps members are improving the lives of millions of citizens and having a positive and lasting impact on the toughest challenges facing our communities,” said Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. “I congratulate these organizations for their strong applications in a highly competitive year. Thanks to the dedicated service of AmeriCorps members, these organizations will increase their reach and impact on meeting local needs.”

On a national level, AmeriCorps engages 80,000 Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to meet critical needs. Members serve through more than 14,000 organizations in rural and urban communities throughout the nation. Among other accomplishments, AmeriCorps members last year mobilized 3.4 million community volunteers, and tutored, mentored or served more than 3.5 million disadvantaged youth. Since 1994, more than 775,000 Americans have provided more than 1 billion hours of service to their communities and country through AmeriCorps.

ServeNebraska pursues its mission of mobilizing Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration and national service programs. To learn more, visit www.serve.nebraska.gov.

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